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SUBJECT: IDF WITHDRAWAL SET - UN DEPLOYMENT LESS SO

REF: (A) JERUSALEM 1592, (B) TEL AVIV 7374

SUMMARY: SIILASVUO, ERSKINE AND PREITO MET COS EITAN JUNE 12.
EITAN CONFIRMED IDF WOULD BE OUT OF SOUTH LEBANON ON JUNE 13.
HADDAD WAS IN A TENSE STATE AND WOULD NOT PERMIT UNIFIL
DEPLOYMENT OTHER THAN AT FIVE UNTSO OBSERVATION POSTS ALONG ADL.
EITAN URGED PATEIENCE AND THOUGHT HADDAD WOULD EVENYUALLS
COOPEATE WITH UN. HE ASO REITERATED ISRAELI CONCERN OVER
PALESTINIAN INFILTRATION AND URGED THIS BE UNIFIL'S NUMBER ONE
CONCERN, END SUMMARY

1. I SAW SIILASVUO MORNING JUNE 12 JUST AFTER HE AND
ERSKINE HAD MET WITH EITAN IN TEL AVIV. EITAN STATED IDF
WOULD BE OUT OF SOUTH LEBANON ON JUNE 13. HADDAD, HE
SAID, WAS A PROBLEM AND CURRENTLY REFUSED TO LET UN ELEMENTS
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BE STATIONED IN CHRISTIAN AREAS. HOWEVER, HE WOULD PERMIT
UNIFIL TO TRANSIT ENCLAVES TO TAKE UP POSITIONS AT
EXISTING FIVE UNTSO OBSERVATION POSTS ALONG THE BORDER.

2. EITAN URGED PATIENCE. HE THOUGHT IF UN DID NOT FORCE
A CONFRONTATION, HADDAD'S ATTITUDE WOULD CHANGE IN ABOUT
A WEEK. EITAN INDICATED IDF ON SIDE WOULD HELP PROMOTE

AN ACCOMMODATION.

3. EITAN

REITERATED GOI CONCERN OVER PALESTINIANS WHO HAD INFILTRATED BEHIND UN LINES. HE THOUGH UN ESTIMATES OF INFILTRATIONS WERE TOO LOW BUT ACKNOWLEDGED GOL FIGURE IN VICINITY OF 1,000 WAS PROBABLY TOO HIGH. RATHER THAN ATTEMPT TO ENTER CHRISTIAN AREAS, HE URGED UNIFIL TO DEPLOY ITS FORCES IN SUCH A WAY AS TO PREVENT INFILTRATION. SIILASVUO POINTED OUT PROBLEM WAS POLITICAL AS WELL AS MILITARY AND THAT UNIFIL WOULD EVENTUALLY HAVE TO MAINTAIN A PRESENCE IN CHRISTIAN AREAS.

4. COL ESPINASSY REPORTS FROM BEIRUT GOL HAS SENT ORDERS TO HADDAD (A) TO COOPERATE WITH UNIFIL; (B) TO REMAIN IN BARRACKS.

5. ERSKINE, HADDAD AND GENERAL BEN GAL ARE SCHEDULED TO MEET AT 1000 HOURS JUNE 13 IN MARJAYOUN. ILMAC MEETING TAKING PLACE AT NAQOURA 1500 HOURS JUNE 12.

6. COMMENT: SIILASVUO HAS IMPRESSION ERSKINE WAS SOBERED BY THE MEETING AND WILL, IN FACT, PROCEED WITH DISCRETION. HE HAS URGED ERSKINE TO REMAIN IN CLOSE CONTACT WITH HADDAD AFTER TOMORROW'S MEETING. SIILASVUO BELIEVES CONFIDENTIAL

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BULK OF IDF FORCES HAVE ALREADY DEPARTED SOUTH LEBANON. NEWLIN

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